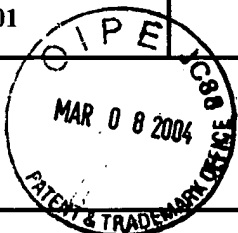

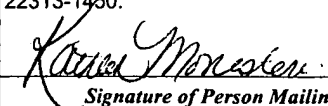


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For: **SURGICAL SCALPEL**

SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 17, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on Page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on Page 10 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on Page 27 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks begin on Page 29 of this paper.